

Lack of purity and virtue makes her a slave unto man; even her children will make thankless demands upon her, owing to the neglect during the period of gestation, and her life turns into a living grave, whose sting is greater than that of the flames of hades. She should not misunderstand. Genuine love is the guidance unto wisdom allowing of no misunderstanding between male and female.—Andy.

GLENN'S FIGHT ON LABOR.—

John M. Glenn, sec'y Illinois Manufacturers' ass'n, has communicated to his immediate public a list of some of the new bills to be introduced in the legislature, with the naive remark that "every plant owner should inform himself as to the nature of the measures referred to, so that he can discuss the subjects intelligently with the senator and representatives from his district." Anyone at all familiar with the mental processes of this sinister apostle of reaction can read between the lines the order to apply a negative voting pressure upon the members of the assembly. Among the bills he lists the following:

Anti-injunction, regulating issue of injunctions in cases growing out of industrial disputes concerning terms of conditions of employment; child labor, extending compulsory school attendance to 16 years; woman eight hour law; woman's minimum wage; compulsory compensation covering all lines of human endeavor; state insurance; treating in compensation act occupational diseases as accidents; increase in rates of compensation; initiative and referendum; one day rest in seven; old age pension; preferred wage lien; weekly pay; fifty-car limit; providing that all men engaged in repair of cars and in building new cars shall be protected by sheds and the establishment of an inspection service to see that the law is enforced; protection of men working in compressed air

tunnels and mines; penalizing bosses for selling jobs and extorting money from workers; abolishing employment agencies by punishing those who charge for procuring employment for others; providing street car men shall not work more than ten hours in twelve; unit system of vocational education; universal free text books; providing minimum wages for teachers; right of teachers to organize and affiliate with organized labor and to notice prior to dismissal from service; prohibiting militia from doing police duty except when state rights or state property is jeopardized; creating a board of examiners for purpose of examining all persons employed in cutting, curing or preparing meats and meat products; health insurance, and dealing with unemployment.

Most of these bills represent the general trend of thought among intelligent, thinking people. Employers who have incorporated some of the welfare work indicated above into their business relations with employees have secured very favorable results both on the side of profit and efficiency. Does the Illinois Manufacturers' ass'n wish to go on record before the laboring people of Illinois as being opposed to their more general enforcement by law? If not, why have they chosen the bills indicated? Perhaps they wish to save money for the state—or themselves. If so, their dabbling in the above prospective legislation borders on the picaresque.

If they must be in politics, why not throw their undoubted influence toward legislation more unselfish and with infinitely more possibilities for administrative economy for the state and the state exchequer? As, for instance, the consolidation bills, the creation of a revenue tax commission, the centralization of the various boards of health, elimination of the involved wastefulness of civil service pensions, simplification of the entire administrative scheme of